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SUBJ VANCOUVER NEWSPAPER SAYS U.S. UNION WITH CANADIAN MEMBERS SUPPORTS AMERICAN ROUTE FOR ALASKAN ARCTIC GAS

1. VANCOUVER SUN BYLINED STORY CLAIMS AMERICAN UNION WITH MANY CANADIAN MEMBERS WILL MAKE SUBMISSION TO FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION (FPC) IN SUPPORT OF EL PASO APPLICATION FOR ALL AMERICAN GAS PIPELINE ACROSS ALASKA. SUN CLAIMS TO HAVE OBTAINED IN WASHINGTON COPY OF BRIEF TO BE SUBMITTED TO FPC BY UNITED ASSOCIATION OF JOURNEYMEN AND APPRENTICES OF THE PLUMBING AND PIPEFITTING INDUSTRY OF THE U.S. AND CANADA, AFL-C10. FPC HEARINGS DUE TO RESUME SEPT. 30.

2. SUN STORY CLAIMS UNION BRIEF STATES GIVING CONTROL OF IMPORTANT ENERGY SOURCE TO "FOREIGN GOVERNMENT" (MEANING CANADA) WOULD BE "IRRESPONSIBLE" AND THAT APPROVAL OF MACKENZIE VALLEY ROUTE THROUGH CANADA WOULD NOT ASSURE AMERICANS OPPORTUNITY TO WORK ON PIPELINE. SUN ALSO SAYS BRIEF ARGUES MANY UNION MEMBERS WILL BE UNEMPLOYED AFTER COMPLETION OF ALASKA OIL PIPELINE AND APPROVAL OF EL PASO PROPOSAL WILL ALLOW BOTH CANADIANS AND AMERICANS TO WORK UNCLASSIFIED

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ON PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION.

3. SUN SAYS TOTAL UNION MEMBERSHIP IN NORTH AMERICA IS
314,000, WITH 4,000 MEMBERS IN B.C. AND YUKON. NO
FIGURES AVAILABLE FOR TOTAL CANADIAN MEMBERSHIP.
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